

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 25, 2003

FROM: **JAMES A. FELTEN**, Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS PROVIDING CARE AND SUPPORT
SERVICES TO PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS**

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve amendments to County contracts as indicated below in the amount of \$2,241,304 for a total contract amount of \$8,594,408 for the provision of HIV/AIDS care and support services under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Act for the period March 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Agency	Program Year (PY) 2002-03	Proposed (PY) 2002-03 Change	Proposed Program Year (PY) 2003-04	New Contract Amount	Contract Number
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	\$208,816		\$69,605	\$278,421	02-248 A-2
Bienestar Human Services	\$168,642		\$56,214	\$224,856	02-249 A-2
Catholic Charities	\$32,000		\$10,666	\$42,666	02-250 A-2
Central City Lutheran Mission	\$29,000		\$9,667	\$38,667	02-251 A-2
Desert AIDS Project	\$2,904,191	+ \$162,284	\$830,515	\$3,896,990	02-252 A-3
Foothill AIDS Project	\$309,929	+ \$49,188	\$54,122	\$413,239	02-253 A-4
Inland AIDS Project	\$1,722,477	+ \$175,500	\$555,828	\$2,453,805	02-254 A-5
Riverside County DPH	\$556,511	- \$9,000	\$185,503	\$733,014	02-255 A-3
Riverside County MISP	\$85,000		\$28,333	\$113,333	02-256 A-3
Riverside County Pharmacy	\$25,000		\$8,333	\$33,333	02-257 A-2
Social Action Community Health System	\$311,538	- \$49,300	\$103,846	\$366,084	02-722 A-2
Total	\$6,353,104	\$328,672	\$1,912,632	\$8,594,408	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Department of Public Health (DPH) currently contracts with several community-based organizations to provide primary medical care, case management, dental care, emergency financial assistance, food services, health education/risk reduction, home health care, legal services, counseling, outreach, transportation, and other services to residents of the County living with HIV/AIDS. The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Act (CARE) provides funding for these contracts.

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The Ryan White CARE Act was enacted in 1990 to provide federal funding for comprehensive health and social services for persons who are living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides funding of the Ryan White CARE Act to geographic areas disproportionately affected by the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) epidemic. The combined counties of San Bernardino and Riverside have been qualified to receive this funding since 1994. San Bernardino County DPH is responsible for administering the federal grant funds awarded to the two-county Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) through guidance provided by Inland Empire HIV Planning Council (IEHPC).

The IEHPC determines priorities for services and allocations of funds to service categories in the EMA each program year (PY), which for the Ryan White CARE Act is March through February. The IEHPC is comprised of 32 members: 30 residents of the Riverside/San Bernardino EMA and 2 State representatives, one from the office of AIDS in Sacramento and the other representing the Medicaid Program. Members of the IEHPC are recruited based on the requirements of the Ryan White Care Act and trained by the Membership Committee of the IEHPC. Members are appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

In November 2002, the IEHPC revised the funding allocations for four contractors (Desert AIDS Project, Foothill AIDS Project, Inland AIDS Project, and Social Action Community Health System) in order to ensure the continuity of services provided to consumers through the end of PY 2002-03. In addition, due to problems experienced completing a procurement for upcoming PY 2003-04, the IEHPC allocated funding to all eleven of the current contractors through June 30, 2003. The IEHPC did so with the expectation that a new procurement would be completed in time to have new contracts in place prior to July 2003.

On February 11, 2003, the Board formally cancelled the open Ryan White CARE Act procurement and approved and authorized the release of a new Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure the mandated services. It is anticipated that any contract(s) resulting from this procurement will be presented to both the IEHPC and the County Board of Supervisors for approval on or before June 24, 2003.

Approval of this item will allow the funding allocations recommended by the IEHPC for PY 2002-03 and PY 2003-04 to be implemented, thereby preventing any possible interruption of mandated services to persons living with HIV/AIDS in our community. All recommended contractors are currently meeting performance standards.

Approval of this item includes a contract with Bienestar Human Services, Inc. to provide Title I services. In a related item before the Board today, the Department is requesting cancellation of Bienestar's Prevention, Education, and Outreach contract for services to the Latino community. Bienestar did not have the required staff to perform these services for the target population, so the item is requesting that funding be redistributed to other contractors. Although Bienestar was unable to comply with contract requirements for Prevention, Education, and Outreach services, it has complied with its contract requirements for Title I services. The Department is satisfied with the Title I services provided by Bienestar.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by HSS Contract Compliance (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor) on February 6, 2003; Office of County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on February 12, 2003; and County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst) on February 12, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item imposes no local County cost. Expenditures recommended in this item in the total amount of \$8,594,408 are fully reimbursed by the HRSA and have been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2001-02 and 2002-03 approved budgets. Funding is expected to continue at similar levels in subsequent years.

Cost Reduction Review: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action based on full reimbursement of expenditures by HRSA. In addition, services provided through these contracts are mandated under the Ryan White CARE Act.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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